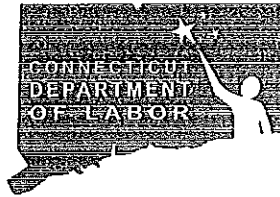


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Good Afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak, Senator Markley, Representative Smith and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding ***House Bill 6151, AAC Certain Operators of Motor Vehicles and Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation***. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Labor Commissioner.

I am here to speak about the concept underlying this bill. This bill would acknowledge that certain drivers of vehicles over 10,000 pounds, meeting certain specific requirements, would be considered independent contractors for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Act. DOL is currently working collaboratively with interested parties to see if we may reach a consensus on language.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.